

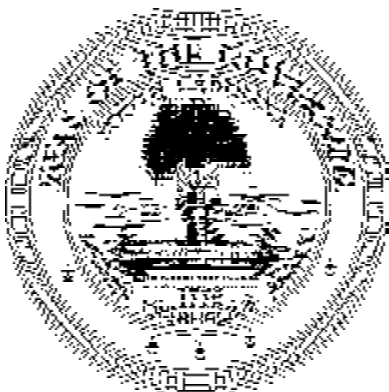
State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** safe and affordable housing for all of our citizens is at the core of ensuring a high quality of life in our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 1.5 billion people worldwide lack decent, affordable housing, with nearly 30 million U.S. households facing problems such as excessive cost burden, overcrowding, and/or physical inadequacy; and
- WHEREAS,** Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action; and
- WHEREAS,** as a worldwide, grass-roots movement, there are more than 2,100 active Habitat affiliates in 87 countries, including all 50 states in the U.S., the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico; and
- WHEREAS,** Habitat for Humanity has built more than 150,000 houses around the world, providing over 750,000 people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials; and
- WHEREAS,** Habitat for Humanity promotes a culture of community service alongside an ethic of individual responsibility, inviting people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need, selling those houses to the families at no profit and with affordable, no-interest loans, and then using the homeowners' monthly mortgage payments to build still more Habitat houses; and
- WHEREAS,** Habitat affiliates throughout the Palmetto State help strengthen our communities and protect our well-being, providing countless residents with the means to achieve the American dream of owning a home.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 - 21, 2003, as

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Habitat for Humanity and the volunteers who support it for their commitment to ensuring safe and affordable housing for all our residents.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA